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SUBJECT MARINE LIVING RESOURCES CONVENTION, CANBERRA, FEB MARCH 1978

1. COUNSELLOR RICARDO QUADRI OF ANTARCTIC DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS GIVEN EMBASSY FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE (REE ENGLISH TRANSLATION) ON GOA GOALS AT FORTHCOMING CANBERRA MEETING:
 - A. TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC LIVING RESOURCES.
 - B. TO DEFINE THE EXPRESSION 'LIVING ORGANISMS' TO COVER FISH OR MARINE ANIMALS AND ALSO PLANTS AND BIRDS WHICH FORM PART OF THE TROPIC CHAIN OF THAT REGION.
 - C. THAT THIS AGREEMENT BE APPLIED SOUTH OF THE 60 DEGREE SOUTH

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LATITUDE BUT IF NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION OF THE ANTARCTIC ECOSYSTEM SPECIES ALSO TO THE NORTH OF THE 60 DEGREE LATITUDE.

- D. THAT IN THE AREA NORTH OF THE 60 SOUTH LATITUDE, ALL CONSERVATION MEASURES MUST BE ADOPTED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE JURISDICTION OF RIPARIAN STATES.

- E. THAT, WNE CONSERVATION MEASURES ARE ADOPTED SOUTH OF THE

60 LATITUDE WITHIN TERRITORIAL WATERS OR ECONOMIC ZONES OF ANY STATE, SUCH MEASURES WILL NOT AFFECT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THOSE STATES IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE CONVENTION WITH RESPECT TO EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES IN SUCH AREAS.

F. THAT WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH RESPECT TO LIVING MARINE ORGANISMS DOES NOT SET A PRECEDENT FOR A POSSIBLE REGIME OF EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES.

G. TO ESTABLISH A REGIME THROUGH AN AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE THIRTEEN PARTY STATES OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY IN ORDER FOR IT TO ENTER INTO FORCE.

H. TO FACILITATE THE APPROVAL OF THIS REGIME IN 1978, THE GOA DOES NOT WANT A FINAL MEETING BECAUSE SUCH A MEETING WOULD PERMIT THE REVISION OF WHAT HAD BEEN UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO IN CANBERRA. THIS MEANS THAT AT CANBERRA NO PROCEDURAL RULES FOR A FINAL MEETING WOULD BE DISCUSSED BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR IT TO TAKE PLACE.

I. THE ABSENCE OF A FINAL MEETING WILL NOT IMPEDE THAT INTERESTED THIRD STATES MAY LATER ADHERE TO THE REGIME. THESE STATES WOULD THEREFORE HAVE RIGHT TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COMMISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED.

2. QUADRI WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US REACTION TO AIDE MEMOIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN PARTICULAR ON POINT H OF AIDE MEMOIRE. CASTRO UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER".

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